GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND WEST ASIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume and value of trade between India and West Asia during the last three years and in the current year till date, country-wise;

(b) whether there is adequate scope for Indian export to these countries;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase exports to these countries and also to explore new markets; and

(d) if so, the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.273 FOR ANSWER ON 18TH MARCH, 2008 REGARDING "TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND WEST ASIA"

(a) The trade turnover between India and West Asian countries for the period 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and current year 2007-08 (April-Oct.) are indicated in the Annexure.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d) Some of the steps taken to increase exports to the West Asian countries include providing market development assistance, supporting market access initiatives, participating in fairs and exhibitions and strengthening of business to business contacts. Issues pertaining to trade and economic cooperation between India and West Asian countries are regularly reviewed through bilateral Joint Commissions and Joint Committees. Current trends in trade turnover are indicative of the success achieved. Trade turnover has grown from US $ 21,752.52 mn. in 2004-05 to US $ 68,880.26 mn. in 2006-07 between India and West Asian countries.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.273 FOR ANSWER ON 18TH MARCH, 2008 REGARDING "TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND WEST ASIA"

India west Asia trade in the last three years (Values in US $ Million)

S.No.	Country	2004-05			2005-06			2006-07			2007-08 Apr-Oct		
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
1	BAHARAIN IS	156.46	121.87	278.33	192.25	189.56	381.81	182.31	469.17	651.48	120.24	336.49	456.73
2	IRAN	1231.39	410.21	1641.6	1188.35	702.46	1890.81	1449.63	7621.38	9071.01	1400.93	5587.94	6988.87
3	IRAQ	131.19	1.12	132.31	155.94	2.05	157.99	203.31	5521.71	5725.02	113.35	3319.83	3433.18
4	ISRAEL	1005.76	988.11	1993.87	1201.50	1031.19	2232.69	1321.65	1076.59	2398.24	922.81	888.61	811.41
5	JORDAN	128.25	355.89	484.14	184.97	442.33	627.31	78.97	470.85	649.82	123.62	378.28	501.9
6	KUWAIT	421.44	305.94	727.38	513.73	461.85	975.58	610.76	5985.28	6596.04	361.5	3610.83	3972.33
7	LEBANON	67.46	20.46	87.92	71.84	18.51	90.35	66.87	11.17	7.97	50.71	4.42	55.13
8	OMAN	267.67	20.61	288.28	408.43	265.59	674.02	626.52	459.83	1086.35	515.94	380.19	896.13
9	QATAR	209.42	672.85	882.27	259.34	901.62	1160.96	329.21	2066.53	2395.74	292.39	1345.46	1637.85
10	SAUDI ARAB	1412.06	1301.15	2713.21	1809.77	1632.34	3442.11	2580.81	13353.13	15933.94	1931.17	9669.60	11600.77
11	SYRIA	253.18	3.82	257	276.67	5.13	281.84	08.08	79.49	487.57	506.41	11.79	518.2
12	U.A.EMTS	7347.88	4641.10	11988.98	8591.79	4354.08	12945.87	12005.35	8607.45	20612.8	8853.26	7273.28	16126.54
13	YEMEN REP.	246.41	30.82	277.23	278.81	10	288.81	1185.03	2009.25	3194.28	691.52	1051.27	1742.79

Total of West Asia	12878.57	8873.95	21752.52	15133.39	10016.71	25150.12	1148.50	47731.76	68880.26	15883.85	33857.98	49741.83
% Share in India`s total	15.42	7.96	11.15	14.68	6.72	9.97	16.75	25.89	22.18	18.44	25.51	22.73
India`s total	83535.94	111517.43	195053.37	103090.53	149165.73	252256.26	126232.34	184378.13	310610.47	86117.53	132735.57	218853.1

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata